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**NEW THANKSGIVING DAY TRAFFIC RECORD ON TURNPIKES**  
**OVERALL WEEKLY TRAFFIC UP 7.5 PERCENT OVER LAST YEAR**

More motorists took to the highways on the New Hampshire Turnpike System on Thanksgiving Day than in any previous year. The new Thanksgiving Day traffic record of 228,337 vehicles surpasses last year's record total of 211,294 vehicles on Thanksgiving, an 8.1 percent increase.

Overall traffic for the week was up 7.5% over last year with a total of 1,975,514 vehicles passing through New Hampshire toll facilities from November 18 through November 25.

The Winston Cup Race at the New Hampshire International Speedway on the day after Thanksgiving (November 23) contributed to a 29.5% percent increase in traffic at the Hooksett Tolls on Interstate 93 (Central Turnpike) and an 18.6% increase at the Bedford Tolls on the Everett Turnpike. Overall traffic for November 23 was up 12.8% over last year.